

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5661

AN ACT

To extend flexible use of John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program funding to address pandemic-related challenges for older foster youth.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Continued State Flexi-
3 bility To Assist Older Foster Youth Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC PROVISIONS AFFECTING**
5 **OLDER FOSTER YOUTH.**

6 (a) **EXTENSION OF CHAFEE PROGRAM FLEXI-**
7 **BILITY.**—Section 3 of division X of the Consolidated Ap-
8 propriations Act, 2021 (42 U.S.C. 677 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “and 2021”
10 and inserting “through 2022”; and

11 (2) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) by striking “During the COVID–19
13 public health emergency period.”;

14 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “The”
15 and inserting “Through December 31, 2021,
16 the”;

17 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “A” and
18 inserting “Through fiscal year 2022, a”;

19 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “Not-
20 withstanding” and inserting “Through fiscal
21 year 2022, notwithstanding”; and

22 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting after
23 the paragraph heading the following: “Through
24 fiscal year 2022.”.

25 (b) **EXTENSION OF STATE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY**
26 **RELATED TO YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.**—

1 Section 4 of such division (42 U.S.C. 671 note) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
5 “2021” and inserting “2022”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) ADDITIONAL CHAFEE FUNDING FLEXIBILI-
8 TIES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this sub-
9 section, a State to which additional funds are made
10 available as a result of section 3(a) of this division
11 may use the funds to meet any costs referred to in
12 paragraph (1) of this subsection incurred on or be-
13 fore September 30, 2022, with respect to children
14 who—

15 “(A) have attained 18 years of age;

16 “(B) are in foster care, or re-enter care;

17 and

18 “(C) are not eligible for foster care mainte-
19 nance payments under section 472 of the Social
20 Security Act.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2021” and
2 inserting “2022”.

 Passed the House of Representatives October 27,
2021.

Attest:

Clerk.

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